Honorable Edward F. Shea 1 2 Leslie R. Weatherhead Witherspoon, Kelley, Davenport & Toole, P.S. FILED IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT 3 1100 U.S. Bank Building EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 422 West Riverside Avenue Spokane, WA 99201-0369 DEC 13 2001 4 Attorneys for Riverpark Square LLC and JAMES R. LARSEN, CLERK 5 RPS II LLC DEPLITY SPOKANE, WASHINGTON Ladd B. Leavens 6 Davis Wright Tremaine LLP 2600 Century Square 1501 Fourth Avenue Seattle, WA 98101-1688 8 (206) 622-3150 Attorneys for Citizens Realty Co. and Lincoln Investment Company 10 11 12 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 13 AT SPOKANE 14 **NUVEEN QUALITY INCOME** MUNICPAL FUND, INC., et al, 15 No. CS-01-0127-EFS Plaintiffs, 16 Consolidated with: 17 v. No. CS-01-0128-EFS PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES, INC., et 18 al. ANSWER OF RIVERPARK 19 SQUARE LLC, RPS II LLC, Defendants, 20 CITIZENS REALTY COMPANY, AND LINCOLN v. INVESTMENT COMPANY OF 21 SPOKANE TO AGIC CITY OF SPOKANE, COMPLAINTS IN 22 INTERVENTION Third-Party Plaintiff, 23 v. 24 ROY J. KOEGEN, et ux, et al, 25 Third-Party Defendants, 26

ANSWER OF RIVERPARK, RPS II, CITIZENS, AND LINCOLN TO AGIC COMPLAINT - 1

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Defendants Riverpark Square LLC¹, RPS II LLC, Citizens Realty Company, and Lincoln Investment Company of Spokane (hereinafter "Defendants"), through counsel, answer the Plaintiff-Intervenor Asset Guaranty Insurance Company's Complaints in Intervention (the "Complaints") in the consolidated matters of *Nuveen Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc., et al. v. Prudential Securities, Inc., et al.*, No. CS-01-0127, and *U.S. Bank Trust National Association v. Prudential Securities, Inc., et al.*, No. CS-01-0128, as follows.

- 1. Defendants admit that this court has jurisdiction over AGIC's claims in intervention alleged to arise under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

 Defendants otherwise deny the averments in paragraph 1.
 - 2. Defendants admit that venue lies in this court.
- 3. Answering paragraph 3, Defendants admit that AGIC is an insurer of municipal bonds with offices in New York. Defendants otherwise lack knowledge

AGIC's complaint in Intervention named "RPS MALL LLC" as a party defendant. On August 8, 2001, Plaintiffs Nuveen, et al., were granted leave to amend their complaint to substitute "River Park Square LLC" for "RPS Mall LLC". The same date, the Court entered an order permitting intervention by AGIC and consolidating the Nuveen, et al. and U.S. Bank Trustee complaints, all under a caption including defendant "River Park Square LLC." Accordingly, River Park Square LLC answers on the assumption that though the Court's order granting leave to amend was specific and limited to the Nuveen, et al., complaint, the practical effect of the order on consolidation was to extend that amendment to all pending complaints. Please note affirmative defenses regarding process, service of process, and statute of limitations.

or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments in paragraph 3.

- 4. Answering paragraphs 4-19, Defendants incorporate as if fully set forth herein its answers to the averments and claims for relief set forth in the complaints filed by plaintiffs in this matter.
- 5. Answering paragraph 20, Defendants admit that plaintiffs have brought claims against the defendants in this action, seeking relief as set forth in plaintiffs' complaints. Defendants deny that AGIC has incurred damages. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining averments in paragraph 20.
 - 6. Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 21.
 - 7. Paragraph 22 contains no averments requiring an answer.
- 8. Answering paragraphs 23-34, Defendants admit that Prudential participated in the preparation of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement for the Bonds. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of averments regarding the state of mind of Prudential. Defendants deny that the POS and OS were false and misleading. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants otherwise deny the averments in paragraphs 23-34.
- 9. Answering paragraph 35, Defendants admit that Foster Pepper acted as counsel for the underwriter, and that it issued an opinion letter on or about September 24, 1998. Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that the mental state of Foster Pepper or AGIC was as asserted in paragraph 35. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averment that Foster Pepper provided documents to AGIC. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 35.

- 10. Answering paragraph 36, Defendants admit that the Foundation assisted in the preparation of the POS and the OS and that it issued the bonds. Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that the mental state of the Foundation or AGIC was as asserted in paragraph 36. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 36.
- 11. Answering paragraph 37, Defendants admit that Preston Gates acted as issuer's counsel and issued an opinion letter on September 24, 1998.

 Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that the mental state of Preston Gates or AGIC was as asserted in paragraph 37. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 37.
- 12. Answering paragraph 38, Defendants admit that Walker issued the Feasibility Analysis. Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that Walker's mental state was as asserted in paragraph 38. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 38.
- 13. Answering paragraph 39, Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that the mental state of Walker or AGIC was as asserted in paragraph 39. Defendants otherwise deny the averments in paragraph 39.
- 14. Answering paragraph 40, Defendants deny that they conspired with the City and Robideaux & Company for any purpose. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments regarding the knowledge or state of mind of the City. Defendants deny the remaining averments in paragraph 40.
- 15. Answering paragraph 41, Defendants admit that the City engaged Auble & Associates and Daniel E. Barrett to provide analyses with respect to the Garage, and that the analyses were set forth in written reports provided to the City. Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth

of the averments regarding the knowledge or state of mind of the City. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 41.

- 16. Answering paragraph 42, Defendants admit that the City continued to proceed with the proposed transaction after having received the reports of Auble & Associates, Barrett, Coopers & Lybrand, and the Sabey Corporation. Those reports speak for themselves and Defendants therefore deny the allegations that purport to characterize those reports. These Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments in paragraph 42 regarding the knowledge or state of mind of the City. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 42.
- Ordinance on January 27, 1997, and that the Ordinance obligated the City to provide loans to the Authority in the event that Parking Revenues were insufficient to make Ground Lease Payments and pay Operating Expenses, all as set forth in the Ordinance. The Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments in paragraph 43 regarding the knowledge or state of mind of the City. Defendants further admit that the City has subsequently asserted a construction of the Ordinance that is inconsistent with contemporaneous expressions regarding the construction of the Ordinance, that the City now asserts that the City Council must vote again to authorize loans to the Authority notwithstanding that the events triggering the loan obligation have occurred, and that the City now asserts that it may refuse to make the loans described in the Ordinance. Defendants deny that at the time of the enactment of the Ordinance or at the time of the issuance of the Official Statement, the City or any representatives thereof believed that the defenses that the City is currently asserting to the enforcement of

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the Ordinance existed. Except as otherwise specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 43.

- Answering paragraph 44, Defendants admit that City attorney Jim Sloane issued an opinion letter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and further state that the opinion letter speaks for itself, and denies the averments of paragraph 44 insofar as they are inconsistent with the text of the opinion letter. The Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments regarding the knowledge or state of mind of Sloane or the City, and as to the averment that the City's Opinion Letter was separately issued to AGIC. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 44.
- 19. Answering paragraph 45, Defendants admit that Perkins Coie LLP acted as special counsel to the City, and that Perkins Coie issued an opinion letter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Defendants further state that the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter speaks for itself, and deny the averments in paragraph 45 insofar as they are inconsistent with the text of the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter. The Defendants lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments in paragraph 45 regarding the knowledge or state of mind of the City, and as to the averment that the Perkins' Opinion Letter was provided to AGIC. Except as specifically admitted herein, Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 45.
 - 20. Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 46.
 - 21. Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 47.
- 22. Answering paragraph 48, Defendants admit that the Authority participated in the operation of the Garage. Defendants further state that the Authority controls all essential functions related to operating the Garage including

hours of operating, rates charged to patrons, and maintenance of the facilities.

Defendants lack knowledge or information to suggest that the Authority's mental state was as asserted in paragraph 48. Except as specifically admitted herein,

Defendants deny the averments in paragraph 48.

- 23. Answering paragraph 49, Defendants repeat their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the AGIC Complaints and incorporate them herein by reference.
 - 24. Defendants deny the averments in paragraphs 50 through 58.
- 25. Answering paragraph 59, Defendants repeat their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the AGIC Complaints and incorporate them herein by reference.
- 26. Answering paragraphs 60 through 76, Defendants admit that Prudential acted as underwriter with respect to the Bonds, that Foster Pepper acted as underwriter's counsel, assisted in the preparation of the POS and the OS, and issued an opinion in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, that Walker issued the Feasibility Analysis, that Preston Gates served as bond counsel to the Foundation and issued an opinion in connection with issuance of the Bonds; that the Authority leased the Garage and subleased the ground from the Foundation; that the City caused the Ordinance to be enacted, that Jim Sloane issued an opinion letter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and that Perkins Coie issued the Perkins Coie Opinion Letter. Defendants otherwise deny the averments in paragraphs 60 through 76.
- 27. Answering paragraph 77, Defendants repeat their answers to the preceding paragraphs of the AGIC Complaints and incorporate them herein by reference.
 - 28. Defendants deny the averments in paragraphs 78 through 82.

29.	Answering paragraph 83, Defendants repeat their answers to the
preceding	paragraphs of the AGIC Complaints and incorporate them herein by
reference.	

30. Defendants deny the averments in paragraphs 84 through 86.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 31. AGIC's Complaints, and each of their counts, fail to state claims upon which relief may be granted.
- 32. The negligence or fault of AGIC and/or its insureds serves as a bar to AGIC's claims or, in the alternative, must reduce the damages awarded to AGIC, if any, in proportion to its and/or its insureds' negligence or fault.
- 33. AGIC's damages, if any, were caused by others over whom Defendants had no control and for whose actions Defendants are not legally responsible. At fault third parties may include the City of Spokane.
- 34. Defendants did not know, and in exercise of reasonable care could not have known, of the existence of facts by reason of which liability is alleged to exist under Chapter 21.20 of the Revised Code of Washington.
- 35. AGIC's damages, if any, were caused by intervening or superseding causes for which Defendants are not legally responsible.
- 36. Process, and service of process upon River Park Square LLC was insufficient.
- 37. Some or all of the claims against River Park Square LLC are barred by the statute of limitations.

Having fully answered the Complaints, Defendants request that the Court grant the following relief:

A. Judgment dismissing AGIC's Complaints with prejudice;

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- B. Judgment against AGIC for Defendants' costs and expenses incurred in the defense of the claims in the Complaints, including reasonable attorneys' fees;
- C. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just based upon the law and the evidence.

DATED this /1 day of December, 2001.

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